

Fair Grove Church

The Messenger Monthly Newsletter

July 2024

Growing our church from inside out and outside in; creating a Christian family of God.

Mark's Message

By the time this Newsletter comes out, we would have had our first Annual Conference of the North Carolina Global Methodist Church. I'm excited about this conference because I am anxious to see how things will be different than what we have experienced in the past. Given that this is a conference that is a combination of our former conference, the WNCUMC, and the NCCUMC, it should prove to be exciting!

Regardless of the changes, the exciting part is seeing Methodism coming back to its roots with regards to holiness and spiritual worship. Some changes I'm sure will be met with ambitious joy. What I have seen and witnessed over the last year tells me that people are hungry for the Word of God. There are people out there who have been riding the wave of church membership, knowing that there was supposed to be more to worshipping than we have been experiencing. Call it a revival if you like, but it is happening here at Fair Grove and it is happening in churches all around this country and worldwide. I'm talking with people every week who are coming back and expressing a sincere interest in holiness and spiritual worship. Again, people are hungry for God's Word.

In the coming months, you can look for the following to take place here. I will be introducing two Bible Studies, one during the day and one in the evening; topics to be announced at a later time. We will be having a confirmation class that will be open to anyone who wishes to join the church that will run for about 4-6 weeks. Also, I have a couple of people who wish to be baptized and at that time we will also have a "Remember Your Baptism" service for anyone wishing to renew their vows to the Church, and by the Church, I mean both the Church as the body of Christ as well as the local meeting house that we refer to as Fair Grove Church. Also, I am planning a fall revival service, so there is a lot happening throughout the rest of the year.

I am excited beyond what I can even express right now about where we are as this local church and the church universal. I see nothing but God at work in our members, in our community, and in our hearts.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile. Romans 1:16

Pastor Mark



- ◆ July 2 @8am Senior Breakfast at Sunrise - all are welcome!
- ◆ July 4 - Church Office Closed
- ◆ July 4—No Prayer Shawl meeting in the parlor for the month of July
- ◆ No Susanna Wesley Circle meeting in the FLC for July and August

Also, please note that there is an open invitation to any and all who would like to meet to pray over the Sunday service at 10:40 am in the Prayer Room. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Mark.



On Sunday, June 2 we celebrated all the graduates that are part of the Fair Grove Church family during the morning service. Each student and their families were recognized and they were given a gift provided by Dale and Joan Everhart through Forest's Jewelers & Watch Repair in Thomasville.

Margaret Ann Messner is graduating from Wheatmore High School. She has been a varsity athlete all four years in both soccer and basketball. She was named all conference and all regional in soccer for four years. Additionally she has served as captain of soccer and basketball teams. She has been the manager for the boys' soccer team. Margaret Ann has been all conference in academics for four years, been on student council for four years, and served as president during her senior year. She will graduate with a 3.96 GPA. She will attend Appalachian State on an athletic scholarship where she plans to study sports journalism. And she has been selected to play in the East/West All Star soccer game in Greensboro in July.

Abbey Josephine Parrish has graduated from Guilford Tech with an Associate Degree in Applied Science from the Radiography program. Abbey graduated with honors. She will start her career at Moses Cone Hospital in June.

Mollie Lomax has graduated summa cum laude from Coastal Carolina University with a degree in Elementary education. She completed her studies in just three years. She received the Student of the Year Award in Elementary Education. She also received a President's Award for a four year GPA of 4.0. She was one of only 23 students to achieve this feat. Mollie's plan is to begin teaching in 3rd grade this fall.

Elijah Dillon Everhart has graduated from Brevard College where he was a scholar athlete for four years. Eli earned a bachelor's degree in Business Management with a minor in Exercise Science.

Madison Gallimore has earned a Ph. D. from West Virginia University. Her doctorate is in Philosophy and Psychology in Clinical Child. She has accepted a position at the State Hospital of Georgia in Augusta.

Please keep all of these recent graduates and their families in your prayers as they matriculate.



United Women in Faith

July 27 @ 11:00 am

Fair Grove's United Women of Faith will gather for their annual summer salad lunch. **ALL women of FG are invited!** You do not need to be a member to join us. A guest speaker from Triad Ladder of Hope will be joining us. This is a non-profit organization in High Point. Their mission is: "To be the hands and feet of Jesus to those being trafficked in the Triad, while engaging and educating our community." Ladies, please make plans to join us and bring a light summer dish to share. We will meet in the Family Life Center. Hope to see a great turnout for this important topic.

"The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed." ~Psalm 103:6

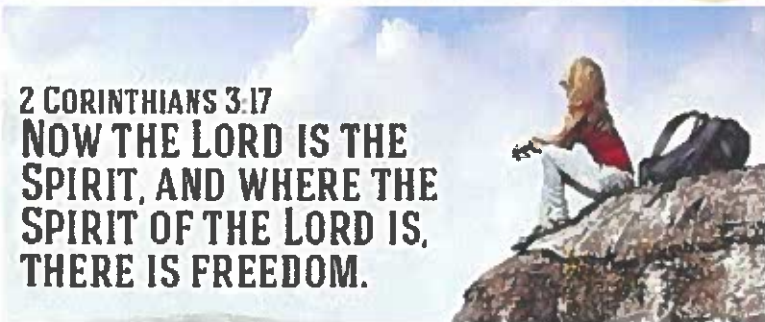


Dear Friends,

We greatly appreciate your thoughts and prayers during Dale's two cataract surgeries. Thankfully both went very well and he continues to heal more everyday.

We also want to again thank you for sharing in our special day celebrating our 50th Anniversary. Thank you to everyone who attended in person, for your thoughtful gifts, for your sweet cards and your good wishes if you could not attend. We are so grateful for all of our Church family. We are truly blessed!

Dale and Joan Everhart



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Missions

Thank you for the "Fair Grove" outpouring of Christian love to people in need by giving to the Father's Storehouse, financially and with heartfelt items!

In July, the Missions Team, assisted by Lucy Girls will celebrate **Christmas in July** with an indoor cookout in the FLC to raise money for upcoming projects, and encourage additional gleaning. (See the notice in the newsletter.) Come fellowship with us!

This month and next, our church will partner with United Women in Faith to support **Triad Ladder of Hope** through our prayers and gifts. This faith-based, non-profit organization is dedicated to "eradicating the exploitation, sale, and trafficking of persons.

Their mission, as stated on their website, triadladderofhope.weebly.com : *To be the hands and feet of Jesus to those being trafficked in the Triad, while engaging and educating our community. At the United Women in Faith general meeting, executive director, Brianna Racchini will speak on July 27 with enlightening information.*

Our own Davidson County has been in the news with situations that involved young teenage girls in the last couple years, hitting close to home. Shockingly, North Carolina is ranked #9 in the U.S. for human trafficking. Our children, girls and boys, are more vulnerable than ever, as social media plays such a large role in their lives.

A financial **donation** to **Triad Ladder of Hope** will go toward helping survivors, at-risk youth, and prevention education, as well as providing warm beds, healthy meals, and medical care to clients. A check may be written to Fair Grove Church with TLH on the memo line.

If you would like to give an item toward a "fresh start bag," the following items are appreciated and may be chosen for a child or a young person.

Child: Male or Female

Toy, Blanket, Age Appropriate Book, Kids' Bodywash, Hairbrush
Especially needed now: Boys' Pajamas – any size, Girls' Leggings – any size

Teenager: Male or Female

Journal, Pen, Face Wash, Bodywash, Hairbrush
Especially needed now: Men's Underwear and Athletic Shorts, Women's Leggings



Christmas in July

Cookout After Church

Sunday, July 21 in the FLC to support:
Fair Grove Church Missions

Grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, baked beans and chips!

- ◆ Your financial donation will support Gifts from the Heart, Nutrition on Weekend Backpacks, and other project.
- ◆ Let's glean in a big way, by placing canned goods and non-perishables under the tree as our gifts too!

Kids Own Worship



For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust,
O LORD, from my youth.

Psalm 71:5 ESV

Don't forget to spread the word that
Fair Grove Church is offering
Kids Own Worship time!



All children, Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to participate in a special KIDS OWN WORSIP just for them during the 11am hour. This will include a lesson with hands-on activities. For all services, except for those with communion, children will be dismissed from the sanctuary and to meet in the downstairs classroom directly beneath the sanctuary. During communion services the children will remain with their families for the duration of the service. If you have any questions, contact Jane Baity.



Attention All Parents & Kids!

The Kids Own Worship team is working on plans for a **Back to School - Kid's Summer Blast** event to take place sometime prior to the start of school. So, keep an eye out for full details to be released soon. If you have any questions or want to volunteer, contact Jane Baity.



*Anne Jones cordially invites you to
celebrate her 97th birthday
on Sunday, July 28th.*

Please join her for the 11am service and then stay after
for a birthday luncheon in the Family Life Center
at Fair Grove Church . We hope to see you there!

Prayer List

Nathan Branson family
Olive Frye family
Eddie Richey family
Ronnie Owens family
Helen Harris family
Jane Osborne
Ty Parker
Shirley & Arnold Fuller
Brian Welch & his
mom, Mary
Sarah Lambe
Curtis Ingram
Dick Davis
Juanita Welborn,
Roger Ferguson
Scott Smith
Coach Howard Hayes &
his son Jay as caregiver
Linda
Scott Reese,
Sumara
Jamie Wray Huepel
Cristall McCaskill
Wendy Smith
Jim Cline
Brenda Smith Ward

Ricky Wray
Daune Biggins
Steve Avre
Caleb Dunlin
Natalie Anderson
Jimmy Holliday
Beverly,
Grant Lyndon
Hill family
Betty Richey
Carolyn Lane
Carol Sen
Terri Carpenter
Kathryn Swaim
Drew Newby
Margaret McCaskill
Mary
Clyde Bailey
Connie Yarborough
Kathy Shoe
Rick Wilson
Ira Buckalew
Robert Charles Kleintank 3 rd
Michael & Nancy Emerick
Brenda Lane
Eva & Ed Smith
Aubrey Lawson
Jennifer Kinley
Joy Wray Tucker

Candi Williams
Sandra Workman
Roy McMahon
Heather Hardister
David & Linda Lambeth
Dot Russell
Bobby Swaim
Evelyn Parks
Riley Honeycutt
Kendall Conner
Cindy Sprague
Len Beusse,
Meridith Bame
Tommy Vernon
Judy Harrington
Kevin McAdams
Sarah Uribe
Lanley Suttle
Mary Wallace
Vince Mounts
Ophelia Timmons
Bobbi
Deb Lawson Brooks
Alice Workman
Rob Nelson
Denise Barker
Dennis Harrison,
Johnny Odom
Chad Blevins

Teresa Rhodes
Leslie Rierson
Lucy Hayes
Bryce Hunt



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approaching God: that if we ask
anything according to His will,
He hears us."*

1 John 5:14

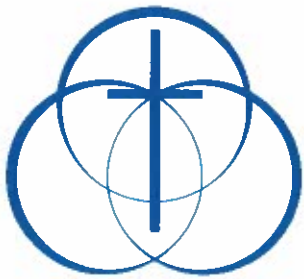
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 3 David Lowder | 18 Kent Vernon | 30 Scott Miller |
| 6 Carolyn Wilson | 19 Peggy Bumgardner | |
| 6 Ryan Lee | 20 Sarah Bailey | |
| 7 Stephen Blair | 20 Tim Bell | |
| 7 Jerry Thomas | 20 Alice Colwell | |
| 7 Travis Vertefeuille | 21 Mike Miller | |
| 8 Rosalee Hall | 22 Doak Gallimore | |
| 8 Lauren Workman | 23 Mark Coman | |
| 8 Lindsay Workman | 23 Madison Kennedy | |
| 9 Bryce Hunt | 24 Thomas Petley | |
| 11 Jamie Sweitzer | 25 Gesele Hall | |
| 13 Tammy Murphy | 25 Anne Jones | |
| 15 Cam Trotter | 26 Brooke Blair | |
| 16 Richard Griffin | 28 Doug Reynolds | |
| 18 Zachery Gallimore | 29 Judy Pierce | |
| 18 Ashlyn Lyndon | 30 Ron Boles | |



HAPPY anniversary

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| 5 David & Linda Lomax |
| 7 John & Jodi Perry |
| 9 Darryl & Meredith Leonard |
| 13 Buck & Ann Hall |
| 14 Keith & Diane Overcash |
| 15 Gene & Susan McCurry |
| 23 Randy & Debbie Barnette |
| 24 Clyde & Sarah Bailey |
| 25 Nathan & Margaret Snider |
| 25 Mike & Alice Workman |
| 28 Dick & Brenda Davis |
| 29 Richie & Ruth Ann Barker |



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We Thank God For YOU



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FOR PERIOD JANUARY - JULY 23

YTD SS Attendance AVG	19
YTD Worship Attendance AVG	86
YTD Budget Offering	\$ 121,282.85
YTD AVG Weekly Offering	\$ 4,851.31
Needed each week to make budget	\$ 4,624.65

GLEANNING

July: 420 Year-to-date: 1728

Non-perishable food items donated to Fairgrove Family
Resource Center

If your contact information has changed,
don't forget to let us know!



Have you...

...moved? ...changed your email address?

...changed your phone number?

Or, would you like to be added to our email list to receive the weekly announcement email?

If so, please call us or send us an email with your updated information!

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